

Ethnic Heritage Council

AUGUST 2009

Asian Concert Series at Peace Arch

Asian Concert Series returns to Peace Arch State Park for second season with help from economic stimulus grant

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Folk Arts in the Parks Program invites the public to attend its second series of afternoon Asian cultural performances at Peace Arch State Park in Blaine in August.

The free outdoor concerts begin at 2 p.m. Sundays in August and celebrate Asian cultures of the Pacific Northwest. The concerts feature dance and music performers from Korean, Japanese, Philippine and Chinese cultures. The artists' fees for these events are paid for by an Arts and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act "economic stimulus" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to Northwest Heritage Resources, of Lake Forest Park.

8/2 - Morning Star Korean Cultural Center:



Photo by Jal Schrof

This music and dance ensemble from Lynnwood draws from performers of Korean heritage around the Puget Sound region. Morning

Star was founded in 1985 by **Jiyeon Cheh** to teach Korean dance, music and culture to children of Korean descent. *She is acknowledged by Washington State as a Master Folk Artist.*

8/9 - Fujima Dance Ensemble and Miyagi Kai: The Fujima Dance Ensemble is led by **Tazue K. Sasaki**, of Seattle. Her professional title, Fujima Fujimine, was given to her by her teacher, the late Fujima Fujiko, who was named one of Japan's official cultural "Living National Treasures." The ensemble performs in the classical Japanese style known as Nihon Buyō. Fujima's dance will be accompanied by the koto music of Miyagi Kai, a Seattle-based ensemble led by Kuniko Takamura.

8/16 - No Concert

8/23 - Filipiniana Arts and Culture:



Photo by Jal Schrof

Led by Roger Del Rosario, this Seattle-area troupe performs music and dance of the Philippines. Filipiniana's repertoire reflects the many cultures of that island nation, including mountain tribes of the inland north, Spanish-

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Paddle to Suquamish—August 3-8

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**Arab Festival
August 1-2**

**BrasilFest
August 16**

**Tibet Fest -
Tibetan Cultural Heritage
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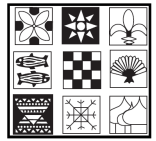
"Tell YOUR story"! Everyone has one! In doing so, you will be reminded of what has been and what is important to you. Your story is a part of history - a story to be shared with your family and with others.

Begin by thinking about your life... a special life experience; holiday celebration; your immigration story (or that of your relative)... to name a few. Write it down or let us know when you are ready to share and we can even arrange an "assistant" to help you get it down on paper!

~ More *Telling Our Stories* to come in SEPTEMBER ~

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“Hip-Nic” @ Saint Edward State Park - August 8

Saint Edward State Park to host fourth year of “Hip-Nic,” family-friendly hip hop picnic.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission invites the public to the fourth annual free “Hip-Nic” Hip Hop Picnic at Saint Edward State Park.

The Hip-Nic will run from 1-9 p.m. Saturday, August 8, at the park, located 14445 Juanita Drive NE, in Kenmore.

Once again organized by Seattle teacher, spoken-word artist, and poet Laura Piece Kelley-Jahn and d.j. and breakdancer Mia DJ B-Girl Beardsley, the event will feature workshops in d.j.-ing, b-girl & b-boy breakdance, freestyle hip hop choreography, video production, recycled art, poppin'-and-lockin', mountain biking, and more. The gym and pool will be open for public use in the after-

noon, and the day will conclude with a performance of family-friendly, positive hip hop, by Seattle-area artists. Transportation to and from the event will be provided free for youth at various pick-up points in Seattle. (For transportation information, please call or text Jen at 206-910-7920 or e.mail her at jen.hipnic@gmail.com.)

Workshops will run from 1 to 4 PM. From 3-5 pm, there will be recreation available using park gym and pool facilities and a barbecue lunch will be served at 3. Starting at 5 PM workshop participants will have the opportunity to perform on the outdoor stage. Following that, there will be an evening performance of positive, family hip hop by leading Seattle artists, including Laura Piece, DJ B-Girl, Annabeth, Amanda Beloved01, Rob Nice, Jeromeskee of Massive Monkees, and guest performances by

other artists.

This event is part of a broader series of events celebrating Washington's diverse cultures and presented by the Folk and Traditional Arts in the Parks Program. This program is a partnership between the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Washington State Arts Commission, and Northwest Heritage Resources, and is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the two commissions, and the Washington State Parks Foundation.

The event is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are required in order to attend the event, please call (425) 823-2992, (360) 902-8526, or the Washington Telecommunications Relay Service at (800) 833-6388. Requests must be made in advance.

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influenced cultures of the coastal cities and Muslim cultures of the southern islands.

8/31 - Dragon Art Studio: This internationally acclaimed puppet theater, based in Portland, is the only professional Beijing rod puppet theater in North America. Puppeteers Yuqin Wang and Zhengli Xu were trained in China at the Beijing Puppet Theater and the Beijing Opera School and came to the United States in 1996. That summer they performed at the Atlanta Olympics. In 2004, they were honored as “National Heritage Fellows” by the National Endowment for the Arts. Their daughter Brenda Xu is the third member of the troupe.

Peace Arch State Park is in Blaine, adjacent to the Peace Arch Port of Entry, where Interstate 5 and British Columbia Highway 99 connect. From the American side of the border, take Exit 276 from I-5. From the Canadian side, enter through Peace Arch Provincial Park from Highway 99's Beach Avenue exit. To download a park location map, visit www.peacearchpark.org/concerts.htm.

This concert series is part of the fifth season of a broader series of events

celebrating Washington's diverse cultures. The Folk and Traditional Arts in the Parks Program is a partnership between the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Washington State Arts Commission and Northwest Heritage Resources. Funding support is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, through both a program grant and the above-mentioned Arts and the Washington State Arts Commission and the Washington State Parks Foundation. For a full schedule of Folk and Traditional Arts in the Parks Program events, visit www.parks.wa.gov/events.

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The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission thanks the public for supporting state parks. Donations made to State Parks through the vehicle license tab renewal program starting with September 2009 renewals will keep state parks open in the 2009-2011 budget cycle, provided adequate revenues are collected. The Commission manages a

diverse system of more than 100 state parks and recreation programs, including long-distance trails, boating safety and winter recreation. The 96-year-old park system will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.

Jens Lund, Folk & Traditional Arts in the Parks Program, Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission; 360-902-8526; www.peacearchpark.org/concerts.htm

* **Tazue Sasaki** is a recipient of the Washington State Governor's Heritage Award. Tazue Kiyono Sasaki of Seattle, Washington was born and raised in Seattle by Japanese parents. She began taking lessons in Buyo (Japanese classical dance) at the age of four from master teacher Yamamura Fukuko. Soon she was also taking lessons on the traditional instruments, shamisen, tsuzumi, and taiko. By the age of eighteen Sasaki was teaching Buyo to students. After graduating from the University of Washington, Sasaki traveled to Japan to study with the foremost dancer, choreographer, and Living National Treasure, Fujima Fujiko. Sasaki earned the title, Fujima Fujimine and her teaching credential (shihan) from Fujiko. Since then, Sasaki has been in great demand as a teacher of dance and shamisen, especially among third- and fourth-generation Japanese Americans. Keeping a busy teaching schedule, Sasaki performs Buyo in Japan, Canada, Alaska, and the Pacific Northwest.



Safeco Insurance FESTÁL in August @ Seattle Center

Join us at Safeco Insurance Festál 2009 and become a culture carrier (someone who contributes to cultural understanding through the sharing of stories, songs, music, food and family traditions).

Arab Festival - August 1-2:

Dancing, workshops, children's activities, a film series and traditional bazaar provide a glimpse into the 22 cultures of the Arab world at Safeco Insurance Festál: Arab Festival, August 1 - 2, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., at Center House and Fisher Pavilion.

From mouth-watering food to traditional and contemporary music, the Arab Festival provides a place of celebration for Arabs and others alike. Deliciously strong coffee, an Arabic spelling bee, crafts and more illuminate Arab culture in our midst. Cultural information booths representing several of the 22 Arab countries will provide information and insight into the Arab World.

The Festival will feature Naser Musa and the Georges Lamman Ensemble on both days on the Mahrajan Stage in Fisher Pavilion. Author Rabih Alameddine, emerging writer Alia Yunis and the play *Sahmatah: Memory of Stones* will also be presented.

Did you know? Master oud player Maurice Rouman has performed at Northwest Folklife Festival, Bumbershoot, Bite of Seattle, and throughout the United States, Europe and the Middle East. He is a source of pride for many Arabs. Rouman was born in Southern Egypt in 1925 and earned a degree in music theory from the Conservatory of Milan in the early 1950s. He also studied ancient Coptic music and produced an exclusive collection in 1978. Rouman relocated to the United States with his wife and four children in the 1980s. He continues to perform at private events with his son George Sadak. Rouman is the 2008 National Endowment for the Arts lifetime award.

BrasilFest—August 16:

One of the most animated festivals in the Safeco Insurance Festál series features colorful costumes, food, martial arts presentations and ener-

getic music illuminating Brazil's African, Portuguese and indigenous roots at Safeco Insurance Festál: BrasilFest, Aug. 16, Noon - 5 p.m., on



Seattle Center campus.

Follow the drumbeats to BrasilFest, which relishes in the unique diversity of South America's cultural melting pot. Brazil's roots are celebrated with classical guitar, samba rhythms and the percussive beats of traditional folk music. Watch a demonstration of the elegant and powerful Capoeira martial arts, see glittering costumes and eat authentic foods while learning about this complex culture.

Special guests and activities this year include: Sylvia Patricia from Salvador, Bahia- Brazil performing and conducting workshops on Brazilian Popular Music.

Did you know? Marcos Pontes is the first Brazilian and first native Portuguese-speaking person to go into space- and the only Brazilian to complete the NASA training program. One of the most experienced jet pilots in the Brazilian Air Force, Pontes holds the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. His space flight on March 30, 2006, when he traveled to the International Space Station, fulfilled a childhood dream to become an astronaut. During his one-week trip, Pontes carried out eight experiments selected by the Brazilian Space Agency. On April 8, 2006, he landed in Kazakhstan with the crew of Expedition 12.

Tibet Fest - August 22-23:

Centuries-old stories, rituals, foods and melodies link an ancient culture to modern times at Safeco Insurance Festál: Tibet Fest - Tibetan Cultural Heritage, Aug. 22- 23, Noon - 6 p.m., in Center House at Seattle Center.

Tibet's ancient and modern history is woven through Tibet Fest, which preserves and presents centuries-old cultural traditions with artwork, dance and discussions of

the Tibetan people. Handmade arts and crafts, prayer flags, a Tibetan bazaar, children's activities and traditional foods highlight Tibetan rituals and customs. Symbolic masks, ancient movement and expert speakers illuminate the culture's foundation in Buddhism.

Special guests and activities this year include:

The Tibetan Cultural Group of Toronto. The first ever recipient of the North American Tibetan Cultural Contest, the group comes from a city known for its excellence in Tibetan cultural performances.

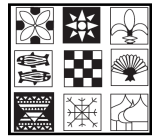
Newly learned songs and dances and an exhibit of costumes worn by people from different regions of Tibet presented by Seattle Tibetan Weekend School.

Tibetan movie screenings hosted by Stewart and Susan Rose. The films include: Seven years in Tibet, Cry of the Snow Lion, Leaving Fear Behind and recently released Dalai Lama Renaissance.

The art of making and eating "Tsampa," roasted barley flour that traditionally is the staple diet of the people of Tibet.

Did you know? Nawang Khechog, born into a nomadic family in Eastern Tibet, practiced as a monk for 11

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Saturday 1st

Blue Angels Mania—Bank of America Weekend Family Workshop is in celebration of the Blue Angels visit to Seattle. **August 1, 8, and 9.** 3pm, Museum of Flight. Call: 206-768-7105; www.museumofflight.org.

Arab Festival—Dancing, workshops, children's activities, a film series and traditional bazaar provide a glimpse into the 22 cultures of the Arab world at Safeco Insurance Festal: Arab Festival. **August 1-2.** 11am-6pm, Seattle Center. Call: 206-684-7366. *See story page 3.*

Kitsap Wine Festival—This festive outdoor walk-around event will feature wine tasting from twenty Northwest wineries. Meander through the park and enjoy live music. Harborside Fountain Park. Call: 800-337-0580; www.visitkitsap.com.

Spokane Highland Games—Come for an exciting day of traditional Highland games and more. Spokane County Fair and Expo Center. www.spokanehighlandgames.org.

Pops in the Park—Pack a picnic and bring family and friends to an enchanting summer evening which includes music by Bonnie Birch International Band. 5:30pm, Bellevue Botanical Garden. Call: 425-452-2750; www.bellevuewa.gov.

Pioneer Pastimes—Go back in time with the Eastside Heritage Center and get a hands-on look at coal mining artifacts, activities and more. 1pm, Lewis Creek Visitor Center. Call: 425-452-1049; www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

Coffee: The World in Your Cup—This exhibit presents the story of one of the world's most widely traded commodities and how it has impacted cultures, economies and environments across the globe. **Through September 7.** Burke Museum. Call: 206-543-5590; www.burkemuseum.org.

A-Y-P: Indigenous Voice Reply—This exhibit juxtaposes historic objects and photographs from the 1909 fair with contemporary artwork by Native artists and explores how the representation and understanding of indigenous people and cultures has changed over 100 years. Call: 206-543-5590; www.burkemuseum.org.

Girl Power—Bellevue Youth Theatre presents an original play about the struggles and successes that young women face in life. **July 31 - August 9.** 7pm,

Bellevue Youth Theatre. Call: 425-452-7155.

Sunday 2nd

Performance at the Arch—Come see Morning Star Korean music and dance ensemble perform at this concert series featuring dance and music from Korea. 2pm, Peace Arch State Park. More performances: **August 9, 3, 23, 31.** Call: 460-902-8526; www.peacearchpark.org. *See story page 1.*

Ranger Program - Wetlands—Learn all about Lake Washington's largest wetland and discover the animals that call the Mercer Slough wetlands home. 2:30pm, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. Call: 425-452-2565.

Ukulele Song Circle and Annual Picnic. 10am, Woodland Park. Call: 425-241-0553; www.seattleukulele.org.

Annual Picnic—Join the American Italian Lodge #2172 for their annual family picnic. 12pm, Chief Garry Park. Call: 509-483-2844.

Summer BBQ and Potluck—Join us for a fun day including a BBQ, music and dance, softball games, and more. 12-7pm, Lincoln Park Shelter #5. Call: 360-684-0713.

Wednesday 3rd

Tribal Journey 2009 - Paddle to Suquamish - The 2009 Tribal Journey is being hosted by the Suquamish Tribe from **August 3-8** this Summer. The final stop in the Journey will be the Port Madison Reservation in North Kitsap county for a week of cultural events, learning adventures and family entertainment. Visit and discover the beauty of this portion of Puget Sound, the hospitality of the Suquamish Nation and the spiritual richness of our Native Coastal culture. People attending the event can expect to be thrilled at the sight of a bay filled with canoes coming in to land. The Canoe Journey is a time of healing, hope, happiness, honor and hospitality. The Journey began in 1989 with nine canoes as the Paddle to Seattle and continues this year in central Puget Sound with over 100 canoes expected to participate. E m a i l : aleigh@suquamish.nsn.us

Tuesday 4th

Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park—Grab a blanket and popcorn and enjoy a screening of *Monsters vs. Aliens* under the stars. 9pm, Bellevue Downtown Park. Call: 425-452-4240; www.intelius.com.

Connections—This exhibit of paintings and illuminated glass sculptures celebrate the interconnectedness of all life and light. **August 4-28.** Phinney

Neighborhood Center. www.phinneycenter.org.

Wednesday 5th

Kellee Bradley Band—The 2009 Summer of Fun Concerts in the Park Series presents the pop/folk Kellee Bradley Band. 7pm, Animal Acres Park. Call: 206-417-4645; www.kelleebradley.com.

Native American Heritage Celebration—The Snohomish County Diversity Council is hosting our annual Native American Heritage Celebration with live music and a variety of Native American arts and crafts. 11:30am, Snohomish County Campus. Call: 425-388-3311; www.snoco.org.

Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad. Come see the evening performance of Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad. 7:30pm, Triple Door. Call: 206-838-4309; www.thetripledoor.net.

Thursday 6th

Big Band Outdoor Concert—Spend a warm summer night with the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra, the Northwest's premier big band jazz ensemble. 7:30pm, Mural Amphitheatre. Call: 206-684-7366; www.seattlecenter.com.

Friday 7th

Bainbridge Island Studio Tour—See the beauty and craftsmanship of handmade, locally made art at the 9th annual Summer Studio Tour. **August 7-9.**

Daniela Ivanova & Angel Nazlamov—Seattle Balkan Dancers present Daniela Ivanova & Angel Nazlamov for a night of music and dance. 8-11:30pm, The Russian Center. Call: 425-883-0332; www.ratchenitza.com.

Art in the Alley—Come for Colombia City's outdoor arts festival which features dozens of visual artists who display and sell their work. 4-9pm, Dot's Alley. Call: 206-760-9843; www.columbiacitygallery.com.

First Friday Dance—Join the Skandia dancers for their monthly first Friday dance and learn some new dances. 7:30pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Seattle Balkan Dancers—Join the Seattle Balkan dancers for some easy and fun line dances. 8:30pm, Russian Center. Call: 425-883-0332.

Leikarringen BUL Kongsberg—Come see this performance at the fair. 2pm, Clark County Fair. www.clarkcofair.com.

Throw Down Your Heart—Come see the film *Throw Down Your Heart* as a part of the Northwest Film Forum series. **August 7-13.** 7pm. www.nwfilmforum.org.

**Saturday 8th**

NAAFA Exhibit—The Northwest African American Fine Arts Exhibit showcases some of the Northwest's most vibrant African American artists. **August 8 - September 2.** Art/Not Terminal Gallery. pnaafa@gmail.com

4th Annual Hip-Nic—This event includes several workshops, a BBQ, recreational activities, performances and more. **3-5pm.** St. Edward State park. Call: 360-753-3860; www.arts.wa.gov. See story page 2.

Whidbey Island Highland Games—Come for a fun-filled day of traditional highland games and more. Greenbank Farms. www.wihg.org.

In the Spirit: NW Native Arts Market & Festival—Featuring works by the most skilled Native American artists in the country. **August 8-9.** Call: 251-798-5899; www.wshs.org

20th Annual Stillaguamish Festival of the River and Powwow G.E. Powwow, salmon bake, live music, logging show, storytelling tent, children's activities, arts and crafts, food. 10am-10pm, **Saturday;** 10am-6pm, **Sunday,** River Meadows County Park. Arlington. Call: 360-435-2755; www.stillaguamish.nsn.us/festival.htm.

Sunday 9th

Idriss Mosque's Annual BBQ—The annual barbecue is developed to bring people together; for sharing stories, ideas, events and to learn from each other. It is an opportunity to strengthen our communities, promote harmony, tolerance and interfaith relationships, as well as maintain peace, encourage compassion, reconciliation and justice for all. 2-5pm, Idriss Mosque. ggokeri@hotmail.com.

Monday 10th

August Arts Camp—This week-long camp is where students explore several areas of the arts with accomplished artists-educators. **August 10-14.** 9am-3:30pm, Meridian Park School. Call: 206-417-4645; www.shorelinearts.net.

Bela Fleck & Toumani Diabate—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents 8-time Grammy winning Bela Fleck & Toumani Diabate. **August 10-11.** 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Balkan Cabaret—Folk dance to Balkan Cabaret at Vashon Island's Village Green, a lovely park in the middle of town. A perfect event for the whole family to bring a picnic, sit, munch and dance. 6:40-9pm, Vashon Village Green. Call: 206-463-1238; www.balkancabaret.com.

Tuesday 11th

Shoreline Jazz Camp Students Ensembles—The 2009 Summer of Fun Concerts in the Park Series presents the Shoreline Jazz Camp Students Ensembles and the Faculty & Friends Big Band. 7pm, Shoreline. Call: 206-417-4645

Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park—Grab a blanket and popcorn and enjoy a screening of Kung Fu Panda under the stars. 8:30pm, Eastgate Park. Call: 425-452-4240; www.intelius.com.

Celebrate Summer Dance—Sounds of Swing will perform for your dancing pleasure. Dance to favorites of the Big Band era and enjoy music specific to the season. 2pm, North Bellevue Community Center. Call: 425-452-7681.

Wild Salmon dinner and Norwegian folk dancing performance with Leikarringen BUL Kongsberg. 6pm, Dinner; 7:30pm Performance and dance Dance following with Leikarringen BUL Kongsberg and local musicians Call for tickets. Leif Erikson Hall. Call: 206-784-747; 206-784-6181; www.skandia-folkdance.org

This traditional folk dance group from Kongsberg in Buskerud County first performed for Kongsberg's 300th anniversary in 1924. They are celebrating their 85th anniversary with a visit here! Kongsberg is a small town with about 24,000 citizens. It is located 80 km west of Oslo and is well known for its old silver mines. Today, however, it is a fast growing high-tech engineering town with multinational businesses.

They perform several times a year including at the local folk museum during the summer. Members are from different parts of the country and perform in their own national costumes or bunader. In 2008 their children's group participated at Barnlek, a Nordic stemne for children. The group is a member of the Norwegian Youth League / Noregs Ungdomslag. In 2008 eight members of Bonde Ungdomslag (BUL) Kongsberg won Framsyningskappleiken at Folkekulturfestivalen in a team with eight other dancers.

Leikarringen BUL Kongsberg is also performing at a variety of locations including the Clark County Fair, Grieg Lodge No. 15 in Portland, Oregon, on August 8; Gig Harbor, WA; and in Poulsbo WA on August 10. Leikarringen BUL Kongsberg is a traditional folk dance group from Kongsberg in Buskerud County.

Wednesday 12th

Ahmad Jamal—Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents Piano Jazz Giany Ahmad Jamal. **August 12-16.** 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Thursday 13th

Tumbao-Salsa and Latin Dance—Come for free lessons and an evening of Salsa and Latin Dancing. 6pm, Freeway Park. Call: 206-264-5646.

Friday 14th

Chief Seattle Days—The Suquamish Tribe annually sponsors Chief Seattle Days with Indian canoe Races, salmon bake and pow-wow. **August 14-16,** Downtown Suquamish. Call: 360-598-3311.

Dr. Doolittle—Join us for a timeless romp through the animal kingdom with everyone's favorite veterinarian who talks to the animals. This colorfully costumed show with lively music is suitable for the entire family. **August 14-16.** Meydenbauer Theatre. Call: 425-452-7155.

Folichon Cajun Band—Come with friends and family to enjoy a performance from the Folichon Cajun Band. 7:30pm, Third Place Books.

Norsk Folkedans Stemne—Join us for a weekend of Norsk music and dance at Camp Brotherhood. **August 14-16.** Call: 206-937-5211; reinerl@mindspring.com.

Saturday 15th

OlallaFest—OlallaFest is a celebration of good family fun, good country food and music from some of the best acoustic bands in the Northwest. 11am,

The Whateverly Brothers—See the Whateverly Brothers perform as part of the Port Gamble Maritime Music Festival. 12pm, Port Gamble. Call: 360-729-0820; www.portgamble.com.

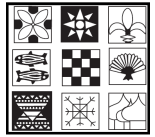
Family Day at the Museum—Bring the whole family and spend time exploring the museum. This day features thatching with Na Lei O Manu-akepa. 1pm, Wing Luke Museum. Call: 206-623-5124; www.wingluke.org

Sunday 16th

Turkish Romani & Oriental Dance—Come for a week of world-class dance, instrumental, vocal, and rhythm instruction, performance and parties at the Woodlands Middle East Music and Dance Camp. **August 16-23.** www.middleeastcamp.com

BrasilFest—Come with friends and family to the annual Safeco Insurance Festal Brasilfest and enjoy music, dance, vendors, food and more. Seattle Center House. Call: 206-684-7200; www.brasilfest.com. See story page 3.

Community Picnic—This All Italian Community Picnic is sponsored by the Italian Club of Seattle. Royal Arch Park. Call: 206-282-0627; www.italianclubofseattle.org.



Sing-Along—Join the Seattle Ukulele Plays for a sing-along session. 2pm, Wing Luke Museum. Call: 206-623-5124; www.wingluke.org.

Monday 17th

Third Annual Icicle Creek Theatre Festival—This festival will remount two new works and perform staged readings followed by post-show discussions with playwrights and cast. **August 17-18**. 7:30pm, ACT Theatre. Call: 206-292-7660; www.act.org.

Vagabond Opera—The Wanderlust Circus presents a stunning array of circus shows this summer with three of Portland's hottest bands. 8pm, The Bossanova Ballroom. www.bossanovaballroom.com.

Tuesday 18th

Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park—Grab a blanket and popcorn and enjoy a screening of Ghostbusters under the stars. 8:30pm, Eastgate Park. Call: 425-452-4240; www.intelius.com.

Dr. the Lower 911—The Pacific Jazz Institute at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley presents 5-time Grammy winning Louisiana piano legend Dr. the Lower 911. **August 18-23**. 7:30pm, Jazz Alley. Call: 206-441-9729; www.jazzalley.com.

Wednesday 19th

End of Summer Picnic—Co-sponsored by Madison House of Totem Lake with support from Brighton Gardens Bellevue. Enjoy a delicious box lunch along with old fashioned games of badminton, croquet, a cupcake walk and bingo. 11:30am, North Bellevue Community Center. Call: 425-452-7681.

Summer Mixer Dance—This dance party will include favorite mixers and couple dances which are sure to keep your summer energy flowing. 7:30pm, Phinney Neighborhood Center. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org

Thursday 20th

Balkanalia! Spend a long weekend immersed in Balkan music and dance at the Balkan music and dance camp. **August 20-23**. Camp Angelos, Oregon. Call: 503-234-9088; reagel@spiritone.com; www.balkanalia.org;

Friday 21st

Third Friday Dance—Join the Skandia dancers for their monthly third Friday dance. 7:30pm, Cedar Valley Grange. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Saturday 22nd

Benefit Concert—This benefit concert for the Seattle Musical Theatre is presented by the Sno-King Chorale Ensemble

and features an evening of musical favorites. 7:30pm, Magnuson Park Community Center. Call: 206-363-2809; www.sno-kingchorale.org.

Sunny Side Up! Tieton Community Day's includes a parade, street party, free entertainment, vendor booths and much more. **August 22-23**. Tieton. www.mightytieton.com.

Spelmanstamma—Come to the annual Skandia-Musicians Gathering Spelmanstamma for a day full of workshops, food, dancing and fun. 1pm, Clearview. Call: 206-784-7470; www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Finland Summer Festival—This festival is packed full of music performances, dancing and games. 12-6pm, Crown Hill Activity Center. ralport@hotmail.com.

Exhibits Exposed: Animation and Comics—See how images can have a life of their own in the world of comics and animation at this featured exhibit. 2pm, Wing Luke Museum. Call: 206-623-5124; www.wingluke.org.

Tibet Fest—Safeco Insurance Festival presents the annual Tibet Fest. **August 22-23**. www.Washingontibet.org. See story page 3.

Tuesday 25th

Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park—Grab a blanket and popcorn and enjoy a screening of Back to the Future under the stars. 8:30pm, Eastgate Park. Call: 425-452-4240; www.intelius.com.

Wednesday 26th

Monsters of the Accordion 2009—Come see an exciting performance by Monsters of the Accordion. 7:30pm, The Triple Door. Call: 206-838-4309; www.thetripledoor.net.

Thursday 27th

Cajun/Zydeco Dance—Join DJ Gatorboy for an evening of Cajun/Zydeco Dance. 6pm, Occidental Park. Call: 206-264-5646.

Contra/Old-Time Country Dance—This evening includes dance lesson workshops and music with Scottish and Celtic roots. 7:30pm, Lake City. Call: 206-525-0932.

Friday 28th

29th West Coast Estonian Days. Seattle Estonian singers and dancers have been preparing to join other singers and dancers for this performance with an 80 voice choir, a children's choir, several small choirs, 3 dance groups and sing along songs. 7:30pm, Kane Hall. Email: info@lep2009.com.

Dunava CD Release Party for Dunava—Hosted by the Seattle Balkan Dancers,

this CD release party will include a performance by Dunava as well as Balkanarama. 8:30pm, The Russian Center. Call: 425-883-0332; www.ratchenitza.com.

Saturday 29th

Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) 439's Annual Picnic at a new location and date! After many years, the annual event returns to VASA PARK on beautiful Lake Sammamish where you are sure to enjoy the amenities, including basketball and volleyball courts, and of course where you can cool off between kolos and jump into Lake Sammamish (there will be lifeguards on duty all day). Vasa Park is a beautiful facility and is only 15 minutes from downtown Seattle on I-90. Croatian foods, including: janjetina, svinjetina, pasta, kobasice and cevapi from noon on. Your favorite Croatian tunes will be performed by Crvena Ruza of Vancouver. Call: 206-282-1424 to volunteer, or 206-888-9597.

The 5th Annual Kalama Heritage Festival - This is a unique Hawaiian & Native American Indian Culture Event held in South Western Washington. Arts, Crafts, Music, Food, Vendors Hawaiian Evening Concert Luau and Pow Wow. **August 29-30**, Port of Kalama. Call: 206-299-2662. alohaislandtreasures@yahoo.com. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hawaiiankalamadaysofdiscovery>

~ MORE ~

Multicultural Events at KCLS Programs for Children, Families and Adults. Visit: www.kcls.org.

Visit the NW Balkan calendar!

NW Folklife is over for another year. But have no fear! There are plenty of nice Balkan events coming up this month, from Bellingham to Burien, Eugene to Seattle. <http://groups.google.com/group/Northwest-Balkan-Events>

Has your EHC membership expired?

Check your mailing label to find out:
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12/1/08 = expired Dec. 2008
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Please renew & support the work of the Ethnic Heritage Council.

THANK YOU TO NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND RECENT RENEWALS!





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years and studied Buddhist philosophy and meditation under the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and other Tibetan masters. Khechog lived as a hermit, meditating in solitude in the Himalayan foothills for several years. He is considered to be Tibet's foremost world music composer and musician, internationally esteemed for his original compositions and collaborations with an impressive mix of world artists. His latest CD, "Tibetan Meditation Music," hit number nine on the Billboard charts. Khechog is self-taught and plays a wide range of instruments.

Seattle Center's Safeco Insurance Festál presented by Seattle Center in partnership with community organizations, is a year-long series of FREE events that honors the cultural richness and diversity of the Pacific Northwest. Safeco Insurance Festál plays a vital part in Seattle Center efforts to connect our dynamic and varied communities.

This collection of 22 events is presented with the generous support of Safeco Insurance, Wells Fargo, Verizon Wireless and KUOW 94.9 Public Radio. Additional support is provided by The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, The Boeing Company, Seattle Center Fund and the City of Seattle. Visit: www.seattlecenter.com/events/festivals/festal/

19th Annual Cultural Crossroads
November 6-8 @ Crossroads Bellevue
Performances on 2 Stages, Cultural Market, Activities for Kids

Performance and Booth applications mailed out to EHC membership, July 31st
Deadline - August 20, 2009
Applications available by calling EHC office.
Or visit: www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org

Everyone Has a History Interest - What's Yours?

Join the Museum of History & Industry for a day-long Nearby History workshop that introduces the skills and resources needed to manage your own historical research project. Taught by MOHAI historian Lorraine McConaghy, this award-winning program will introduce three case studies in personal history that provide a framework for conducting a successful history project from start to finish, tailored to your own particular interest. Learn how to research your home, neighborhood, family or personal collection and more.

November 14, 9:30am-4:30pm, Lorraine McConaghy, Ph.D., Historian, Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI). Registration through www.brownpapertickets.com (800-838-3006). \$45 MOHAI members, \$55 for non members, \$5 day-of fee. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Questions? Contact lorraine.mcconaghy@seattlehistory.org; 206/324/1685 x23.



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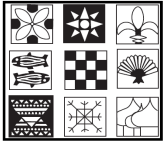
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